

I am writing to oppose the reasoning behind NPRM 02-33, "Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet over Wireline Facilities", because I am afraid that treating broadband Internet access as an information service (as proposed by NPRM 02-33) would deprive United States citizens of the single most important feature of the Internet that has made it such a runaway success over the last decade.

Let me introduce myself. I have a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Rutgers University. I have over 10 year experience building information systems based on Internet technologies in a number of industries. I am currently Chief Evangelist for Saucon Technologies. My responsibilities including writing and speaking about Internet technologies. I am beholden to no commercial interests. I am writing as a concerned citizen of the United States, and I am writing with hope that recent great advances in communications technology -- and, more importantly, in network architecture -- will become available to all.

Access is a fundamentally different business from "information service". To equate "broadband access" and "information service" -- as NPRM 02-33 proposes -- would be a horrendous step backwards.

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